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ND NPS Pollution Task Force
December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Karl Rockeman at 8:40 a.m.

Introductions were made. See attached attendee list.

Karl asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 26, 2014 conference call minutes. Julie Ellingson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Each sponsor of the draft FY15 project proposals provided a 15 minute presentation on their project. A short question and answer period was also included in the presentations. Following the presentations, the Task Force members discussed the strengths and weakness of each project. The projects presented and the associated Task Force comments/questions are as follows:

Project WET

Comments:

- 1) Consider soliciting additional funding from neighboring states.
- 2) Revise the budget tables and summary sheet to be consistent.
- 3) Good positive project

Livestock Pollution Prevention Program

Comments:

- 1) Good BMP delivery system
- 2) Outdoor Heritage Funds should also be pursued

ND Water Wisdom

Comments:

- 1) Need to verify this is not a duplication of other project/program efforts.
- 2) Should include MOUs to spell out expectations from partners.
- 3) Consider postponing until next year if there is a shortage of funds.

Antelope Creek

Comments:

- 1) The eligibility of septic system renovations was questioned.
- 2) Eligibility of septic system renovations was confirmed by Greg Sandness

Menoken Farm Soil Foodweb Project

Comments:

- 1) Is the message being spread statewide?
- 2) Videos should be omitted from the project.

Turtle River Watershed

Comments:

- 1) The budget for education and staff is high when compared to the installation of BMPs.
- 2) Need to have more focus on specific priority areas
- 3) Clarify the long term and short term intent of the project

Prairie Waters Education and Research Center

Comments:

- 1) Need to focus 319 dollars on programming
- 2) The university should be responsible for building management and maintenance costs
- 3) Solicit financial support from other sources for building maintenance.

Spring Creek Watershed

Comments:

- 1) Seek additional support within the counties for project staffing
- 2) Is the amount for range management accurate?

ND Discovery Farms

Comments:

- 1) The data collection and management costs seem to be extremely high
- 2) The outputs of the project are very limited given the high monitoring costs.
- 3) Need to look into less costly alternative monitoring designs.

Eastern ND Salinity Demonstration Network

Comments:

- 1) Good project
- 2) Has been successful in reaching many producers.

Valley City Bank Stability Restoration Project

Comments:

- 1) Parks & Recreation District and/or other local entities should be contributing more.
- 2) Very high costs for the amount of restored area.
- 3) There appears to be higher priority sites in the city that should be addressed first.

ND Envirothon

Comments:

- 1) Good program for the money spent.
- 2) Appropriate target audience

Ransom County Lower Sheyenne River Watershed

Comments:

- 1) Large project area. Consider reducing the project area
- 2) Continue an on-the-ground focus

Following the discussions, it was indicated there would be approximately \$2.8 million in FY15 Section 319 funding available for allocation to the projects. It was also pointed out that a minimum of 50% of the state's total Section 319 allocation had to be committed for the implementation of watershed projects and the remaining 50% could be used to support other NPS Program efforts, such as education programs, watershed assessments, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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